



July 9, 2019

Dear Legislators,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the proposed date of the 2020 primary election. I commend you for your interest in Ohio's elections and sincerely appreciate you reaching out.

As Ohio's chief elections official, it is my mission to ensure that Ohio's long and proud tradition of administering accessible and secure elections continues. As you know, the date of Ohio's primary election is determined by the legislature. Under the proposal currently before the General Assembly, Ohio would join Illinois, Arizona, and Florida in setting the 2020 primary election for March 17, 2020. No matter the date finally chosen, I can affirm that the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, as well as all of Ohio's 88 county boards of elections and 8,000+ poll workers, will be ready to successfully administer safe, fair and accessible elections.

As you know, elections in Ohio are administered at the county level. Therefore, I recommend that you reach out to the Cuyahoga Board of Elections regarding any logistical changes that may improve accessibility on the day of the primary election.

Please keep in mind that Ohio is a national leader when it comes to ease of voting. **Registered Ohioans have 28 days to vote, not just one.** Those 28 days are significantly more than the national average and include no-fault absentee voting as well as in-person early voting. Additionally, our state is one of just 20 that allows voting on Saturdays and Ohio is one of just six states that allows for voting on a Sunday.

I hope I can count on you as a partner in the effort to maximize voter turnout, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank LaRose". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Frank LaRose